



**SITE VISIT AND SITE MEETING: FONTEINTJIE FISH FARM PROJECT:
MONDAY, 10 AUGUST 2020, 10H00, KEETMANSHOOP, //KHARAS
REGION: STATEMENT BY JOHN MUTORWA, MP AND MINISTER OF
WORKS AND TRANSPORT (MWT).**

- **MFMR Minister;**
 - **Governor: //Kharas Region;**
 - **GRN Officials;**
 - **Consultants, Contractor, Project Coordinator(s);**
 - **Ladies and Gentlemen!**
1. I thank my Honourable Colleague, Dr Albert KAWANA, Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources; the Governor: //Kharas Region, GRN Officials, Consultants, Contractors, Architects and all invited esteemed Ladies and Gentlemen; for your positive consideration, of our invitation, to physically attend today's site meeting, here, at the Fonteintjie Fish Farm, in Keetmanshoop.
 2. Ideally and honestly; we were supposed to assemble here, to partake in the official and public inauguration or commissioning of this very important envisaged life giving and life sustaining Fish Farm Project! Regrettably, unfortunately and unacceptably so, we are here to find out why this



Project has been abandoned, delayed, neglected and NOT completed? We are also here to receive the Experts' (GRN Officials, Consultants, Contractors, Architects etc) professional advice about HOW and WHEN; by WHOM and at WHAT cost, this Project is going to be satisfactorily and successfully completed; in order to benefit the people in Keetmanshoop, //Kharas Region and Namibia, at large? Those are the fundamental and main reasons, why we, as the GRN Representatives, are here. Nothing less and nothing more, really!

3. SOME SPECIFIC TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE PROJECT:

- (a) TENDER NUMBER: F/10/1-31/2013;
- (b) PROJECT NUMBER: 2205-019;
- (c) NPC Code NUMBER: 8046;
- (d) CONTRACT AMOUNT: N\$ 20 492 704-61;
- (e) PRINCIPLE AGENT: Burmeister and Partners Consulting Engineers;
- (f) MAIN CONTRACTOR: Edison Building Enterprises;
- (g) CLIENT: MWT; (GRN);
- (h) OWNER: MFMR (GRN).

4. SPECIFIC MESSAGE FROM THE GRN:

- (a) During the Presidential Town Hall meetings of 2019, H.E. President Hage G. Geingob, accompanied by his Ministers and Advisors; spent long hours; patiently and empathetically listening to various important issues, raised by people, Namibians, who attended the said Town Hall meetings, in all the Fourteen (14) Regions of the Republic of Namibia.



(b) One such issue, that was raised, by virtually all the Regions was: the issue of ABANDONED and INCOMPLETE, BUDGETED for Capital or Development Projects! Towards the end of 2019, H.E. the President, requested all the Country's Regional Governors, to submit, a list of abandoned and incomplete Projects, in their respective Regions. Once received, the information was transmitted to the MWT Minister and MWT Officials, within the Department of Works (DoW), for:

- (i) Follow up;
- (j) Further investigation;
- (k) Physical verification and
- (l) Appropriate administrative and / or any other applicable remedial or corrective actions; to ensure that: the completion of such Capital Projects, is urgently and successfully achieved during 2020. If the verified facts, will point towards wrong doing, by specific so to be identified persons, then: administrative disciplinary and / or legal actions, will have to be followed and applied; without fear or favour; as Namibia is a Country that is ruled by LAWS in a FAIR and JUST manner!

5. ABANDONED AND INCOMPLETE PROJECTS:

- (a) //Kharas Region: 5;
- (b) Hardap Region: 2;
- (c) Khomas Region: 6;
- (d) Otjozondjupa Region: 4;
- (e) Oshikoto Region: 3;
- (f) Ohangwena Region: 3;
- (g) Kunene Region: 1;



- (h) Omusati Region: 3;
- (i) Oshana Region: 2;
- (j) Kavango West Region: 2;
- (k) Kavango East Region: 5;
- (l) Zambezi Region: 3;
- (j) Erongo Region: 3;
- (k) Omaheke Region: 0;
- (l) TOTAL: 42 PROJECTS

6. CONCLUDING REMARKS

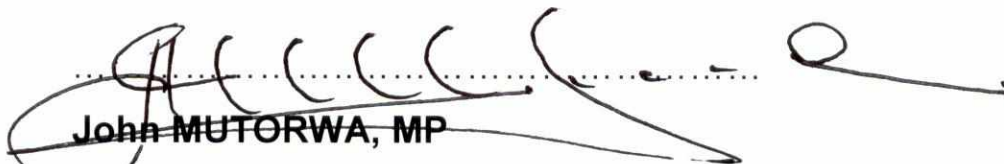
(a) Writing in the FOREWORD and in the INTRODUCTION of the document or book, entitled: "DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR:" Honourable Obeth KANDJOZE, Namibia's Director General of the National Planning Commission (NPC), emphatically and unambiguously, amongst others, states the following: "the Development Budget is one of the most important tools of the National Development. It reflects the desire that the Government of the Republic of Namibia has, in developing the state of infrastructures in the economy and foster economic growth. The Budget therefore, is one of the effective mechanisms, used by Government to implement the aspirations of the Country, as enshrined in the various frameworks, especially those of infrastructural nature. The Development Budget preparation, took note of the possible impact of COVID 19 PANDEMIC, more especially on the Construction Sector, the impact of the lockdown and the impact thereof, on overall projects' implementation. The 2020/21 FY was therefore revised downwards to



N\$ 6, 4 Billion, compared to N\$ 8, 1 Billion, allocated in the same year, in the previous MTEF. The N\$ 6, 4 Billion budget amount, is to implement 401 Projects;" in all the Fourteen (14) Regions of Namibia during the 2020/ 2021 Financial Year!

7. From the above mentioned quotation, it is clear that: timely and prudent utilization of the Development Budget to ensure infrastructural development means economic growth, job creation and progress. Sabotaging infrastructural development ^{is} anti-progress, retrogressive and therefore criminal.

8. Thank you very much!


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